



Housing Solutions Lab

Building and sharing knowledge to
advance equitable local housing policy.

2023 Peer Cities Network Application

Thank you for your interest in applying to the next Housing Solutions Lab Peer Cities Network! Please review the [Call for Applications](#), [application questions preview](#), and [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) on our website before completing this application. The website will be regularly updated with answers to FAQs, so please check back periodically.

Instructions: Please complete the form, staying within the word limit for each question. If we have any additional questions about your application, we will contact the person listed as the point of contact for the application. Only one person is required to submit the application for each city.

Applications are due by March 29, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The Housing Solutions Lab team will contact finalists for a brief meeting during the week of April 3, 2023. Final team selections will be announced the week of April 14, and the cohort will convene for its first meeting in mid-May 2023.

For any questions about the application questions or process, please contact Jess Wunsch, Peer Cities Manager, at jess.wunsch@nyu.edu.

Point of Contact for Application

First Name:

Last Name:

Valid .gov or .org email address:

Phone:

Title:

City:

Part 1: Housing Conditions in Your City

Briefly describe the housing challenges your community is facing (500-word limit).

Consider the following in your response:

- What is the biggest obstacle your city faces in addressing these challenges, particularly as it relates to producing housing, preserving existing communities and housing, and protecting tenants?

To what extent and in what ways has your city tried to address these challenges (250-word limit)?

Consider the following in your response:

- Does your city have a comprehensive housing plan?
- Have you undertaken any work with consultants or technical assistance providers or participated in any peer learning cohorts focused on advancing your housing work?

Part 2: Proposed Project

Describe the project or initiative you hope to advance through participating in the Housing Solutions Lab Peer Cities Network and how progress on this project will help your city tackle its housing challenges (500-word limit). Examples of past or potential projects can be found in the [Application FAQ](#).

What resources or assistance (policy knowledge and research, technical assistance, data, funding, legal, etc.) do you anticipate needing in order to advance this project (250-word limit)?

Your Team

Each city team should include three to four individuals representing relevant city agencies and departments (mayor's office, planning department, housing authority, etc.) and their community partners. Proposed teams may also include members representing the community, such as a community-based organization or advocate.

Team members must participate in all activities throughout the duration of the Network, including peer learning sessions, meetings with Housing Solutions Lab staff and technical assistance providers, and other convenings.

List the team members, their title, agency, and email address (not including the point of contact listed at the beginning of the application).

Team Member 1

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Team Member 2

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Team Member 3

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Briefly describe the history and strength of the partnership among these agencies/organizations (400-word limit). Consider the following in your response:

- What have you worked on and accomplished together to date (if applicable)?
- Describe any previous or current housing policy, programmatic, or advocacy activities members of your team have been involved in related to your proposed project or initiative. You may provide links to or attach any relevant documents, reports, or news articles that may help us understand your priorities or approach to housing solutions and policies.
- If you have not worked together previously, why do you think this team will make a good fit for working to advance your housing policy project/initiative together?

Additional Information

Is there anything else you'd like to share with the Housing Solutions Lab? (250 words max.)